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SUBJECT: TRANS HURON TANKER

REF: NEW DELHI 13310

1. DEPARTMENT NOT FAMILIAR WITH 1969 CONVENTION ON POLLUTION CITED PARA 2 REFTEL. U.S. IS NOT PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION. TEJA MAY BE REFERRING TO 1969 CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, WHICH INDIA HAS NOT REPEAT NOT SIGNED, AND WHICH HAS NOT YET COME INTO FORCE. U.S. HAS SIGNED CONVENTION BUT HAS NOT RATIFIED.

2. ARTICLE III OF 1969 CIVIL LIABILITY CONVENTION PRO-
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VIDES THAT OWNER OF VESSEL LIABLE FOR POLLUTION DAMAGE

CAUSED BY OIL DISCHARGES. FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENTION, "OWNER" DEFINED AS PRIVATE COMPANY WHICH OPERATES A STATE-OWNED SHIP. IN TRANS-HURON CASE, SEATRAN WOULD BE OWNER UNDER CONVENTION. CONVENTION MAKES NO REPEAT NO PROVISION FOR STATE LIABILITY IF OWNER UNABLE TO MEET LIABILITY.

3. U.S. POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT SEATRAN BEARS FULL LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM INCIDENT.

4. FOR SINGAPORE: ASSUMING YOU REPLYING TO PARA 9, REF-TEL, PLEASE INFO DEPARTMENT ON REPLY. DEPARTMENT NATURALLY WISHES TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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